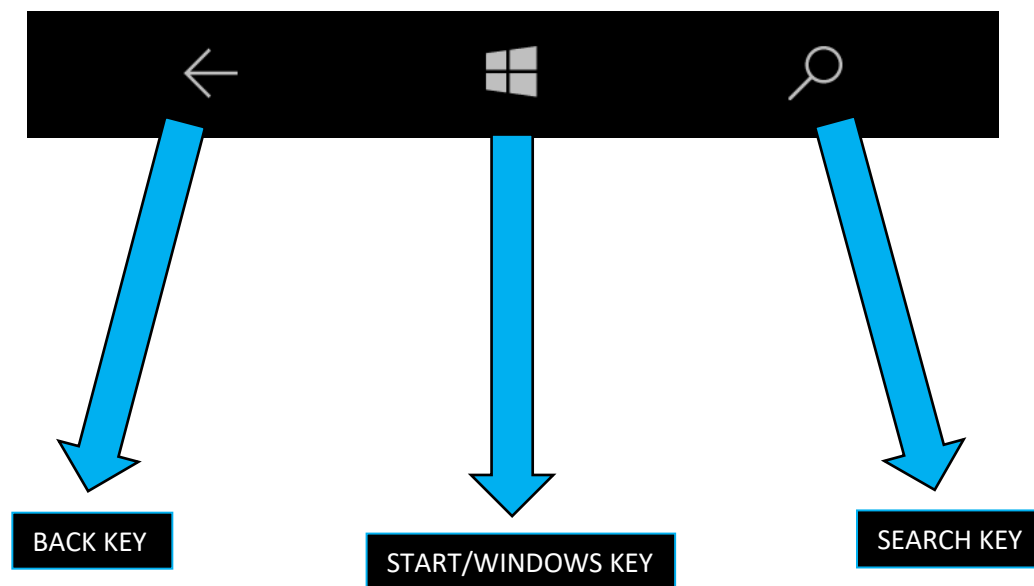# All About W10M Navigation Bar.
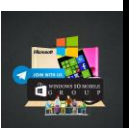
What is the Navigation Bar ?

Navigation bar is the bottom bar containing the "**Back**", "**Windows**" and "**Search**" buttons.

It could be hardware (Physical Navigation-Bar) or software (On-Screen Navigation-Bar) based according to the device model.

BACK KEY

START/WINDOWS KEY

SEARCH KEY

There is a plethora of functions & How-To notes to describe about the Navigation bar so let's get started!

1. Functions of the Navigation Bar keys.

- *BACK Key*

SINGLE TAP :-

With a Single tap, the back key will trigger a backward action to what you just did just like the name suggests.
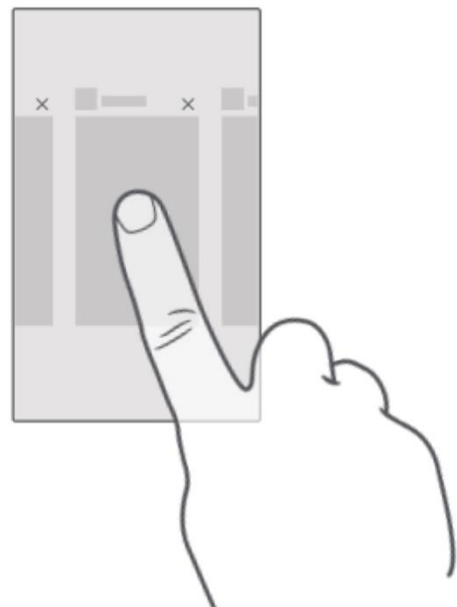
Example :- If you open any app, and then press the back key, the opened app will close.

CLICK & HOLD :-

When Clicking & Holding **ON** the **Back key** for **3 seconds**, it will open **Task view**.

Task view is where you switch between opened apps and close the ones which you don't need anymore.

- Swipe and tap on the app to switch the current app.

- Tap on the ✕ to kill an app

- *START/WINDOWS Key*

SINGLE TAP :-

With a Single tap, the START/WINDOWS key will suspend every opened apps and will bring you to the **start menu.**

Example :- Open any app and press "**START/WINDOWS**" key, you will be back on the **Start Menu**
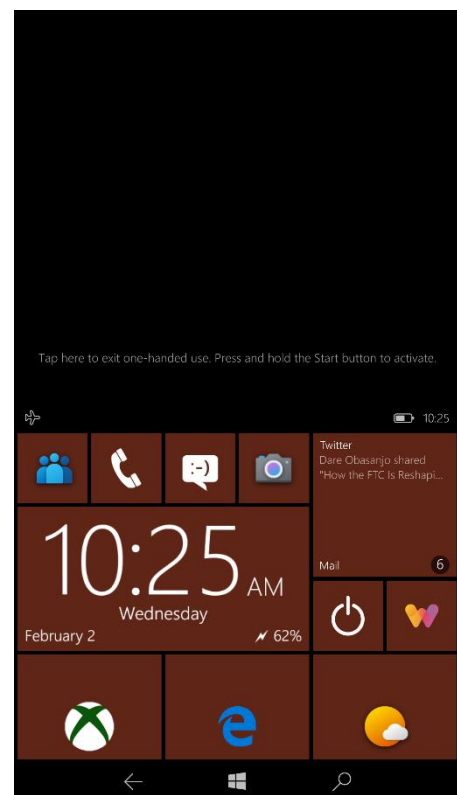
CLICK & HOLD :-

When clicking & Holding **ON** the **Start/Windows Key** for **2 seconds**, it will trigger **one hand mode**.

One hand Mode is a simple mode which spans the screen to half in order to make the UI easy to reach when using the phone with only one hand.

➢ How to Get out from One hand Mode ?

Do the same click & hold on the Windows Key for 2 seconds or just tap once on the black area.

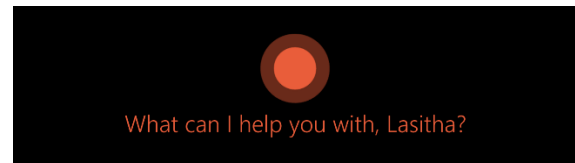It will also automatically revert in 4 seconds.

- *SEARCH Key*

SINGLE TAP :-

With a single tap, the SEARCH key will open Cortana/BING Search.

(If the region of the phone you set does support Cortana, it will launch CORTANA, otherwise, it will simple launch a BING Search window)
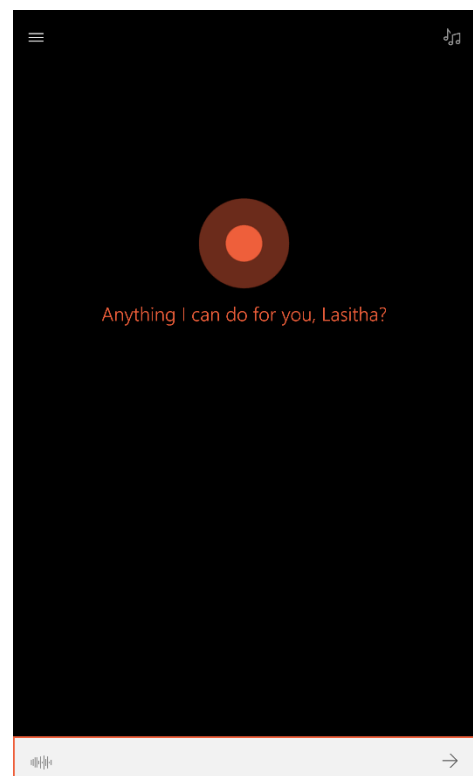

What can I help you with, Lasitha?

CLICK & HOLD :-

When clicking & holding ON the SEARCH key for 2 Second, Cortana will open in listening mode.

Then, you only have to say to her about what you want her to do.

➢ How to Get out from Listening Mode ?

Click the "**BACK**" key one time or use the **task switcher** to kill Cortana app.

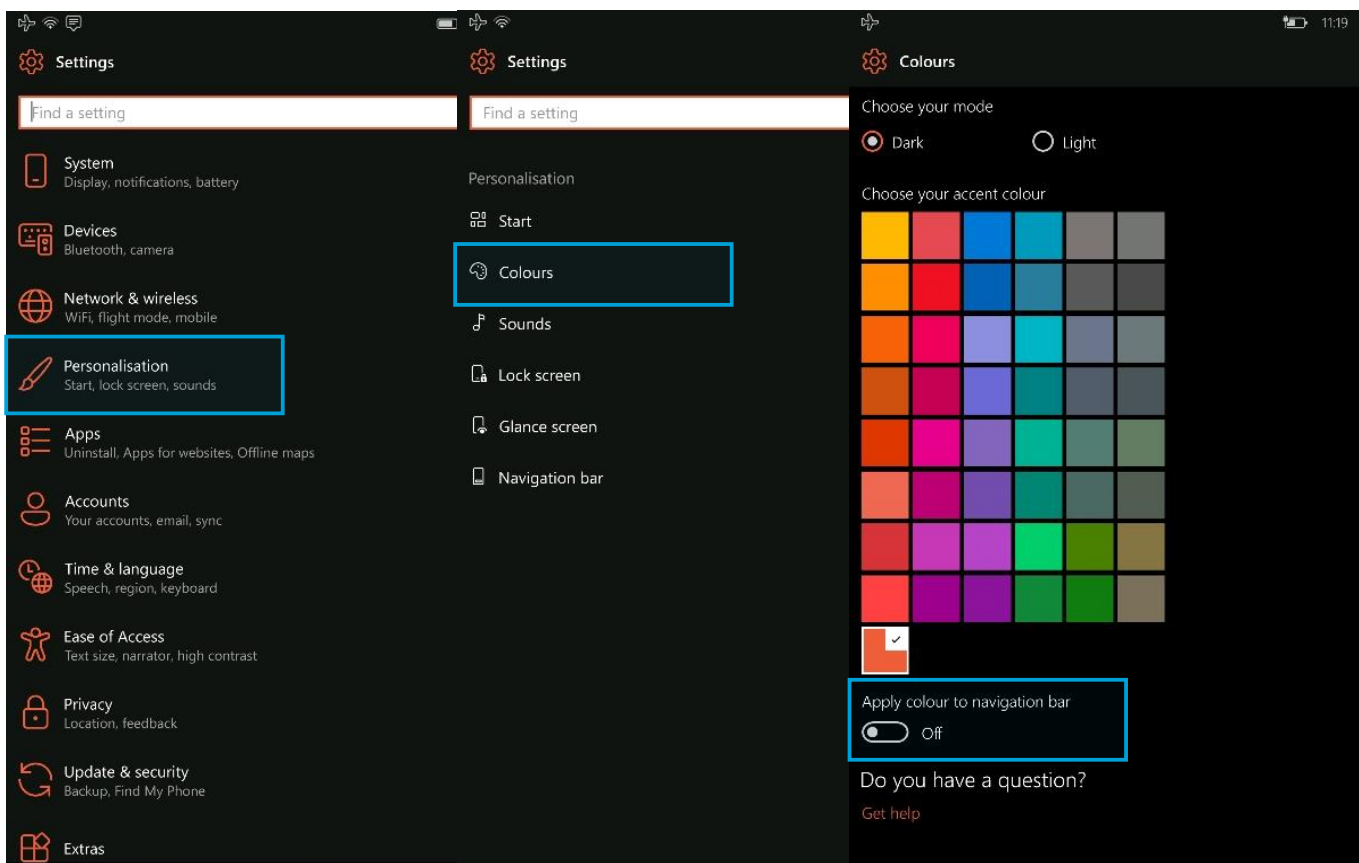

Anything I can do for you, Lasitha?

2. Change Navigation bar Color

(ONLY ON-SCREEN NAVIGATION-BAR DEVICES)

By Default, the Navigation bar color would be either **BLACK** or **WHITE** according to system theme begin **DARK MODE** or **LIGHT MODE.**

But you can set the Navigation bar to use the color of the System Accent furthermore.

> Now go to "**Settings → Personalization → Colors**"

> Turn on "**Apply Color to Navigation bar**" toggle.

Then the Navigation bar will get the Color of the System Accent above.

(Transparent Navigation bar isn't possible)

3. Hide Navigation Bar
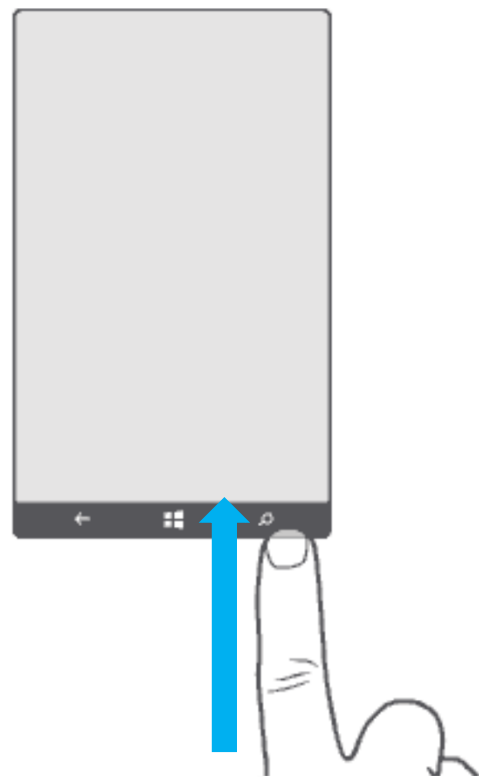
(ONLY ON-SCREEN NAVIGATION-BAR DEVICES)

There can be cases where you need to hide the navigation bar in order to free the device screen or focus on something in screen.

(Example : Like when watching a Video).

In that case, you can do that by simply swiping up from the bottom of the display.

➢ How to Show the bar again once hidden ?
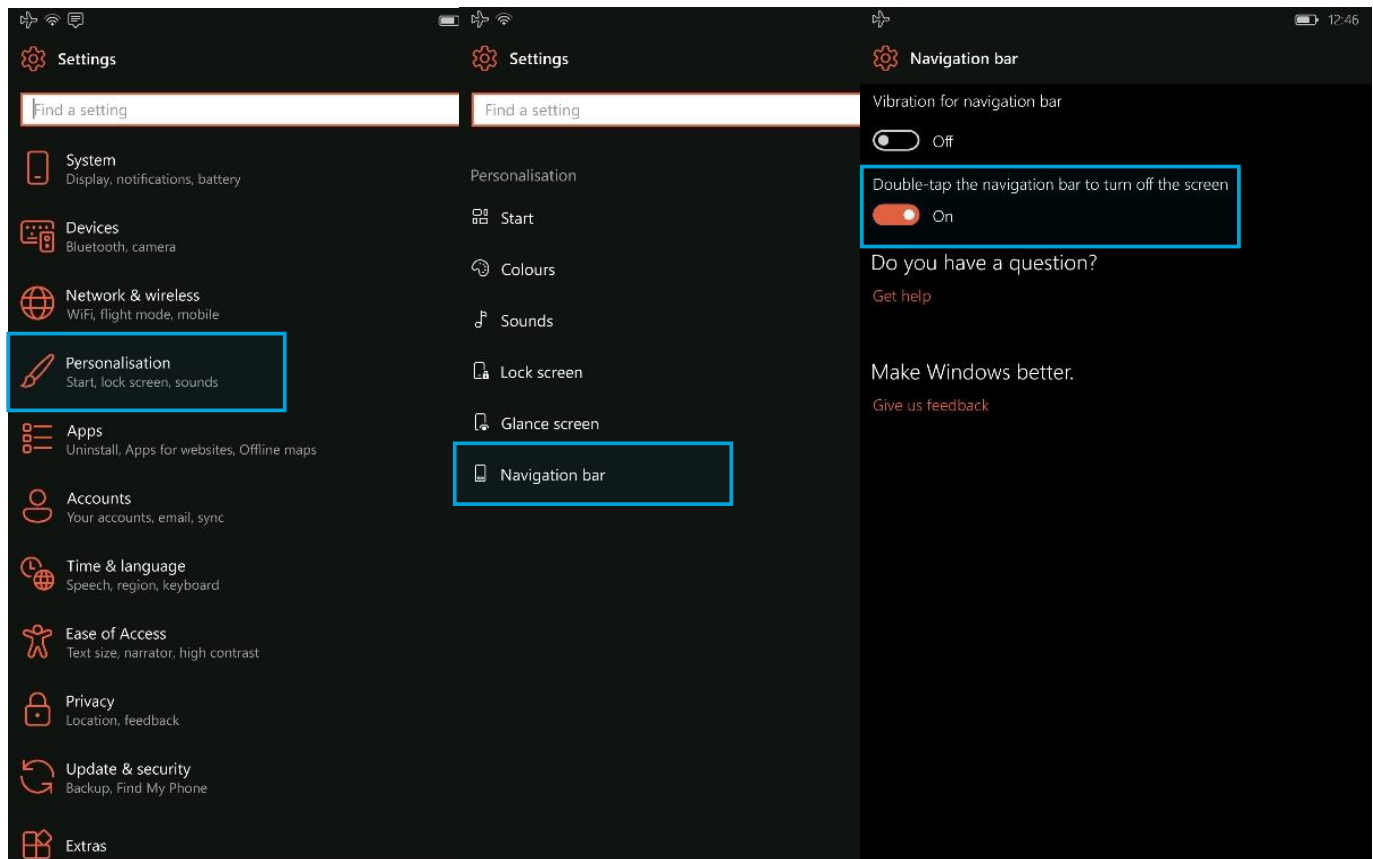
Do the same swiping up.

4. Enable/Disable Double-Tap to lock the Screen

(ONLY ON-SCREEN NAVIGATION-BAR DEVICES)

You can use the Navigation bar to lock the screen instead of using power button to immediately lock the device.

> Now go to "**Settings → Personalization → Navigation bar**"

> Turn ON/OFF "**Double-tap the navigation bar to turn off the screen**" toggle.

If it's ON, simply **double tap on** any **blank black area apart from the buttons** on the Navigation bar to turn off the display.
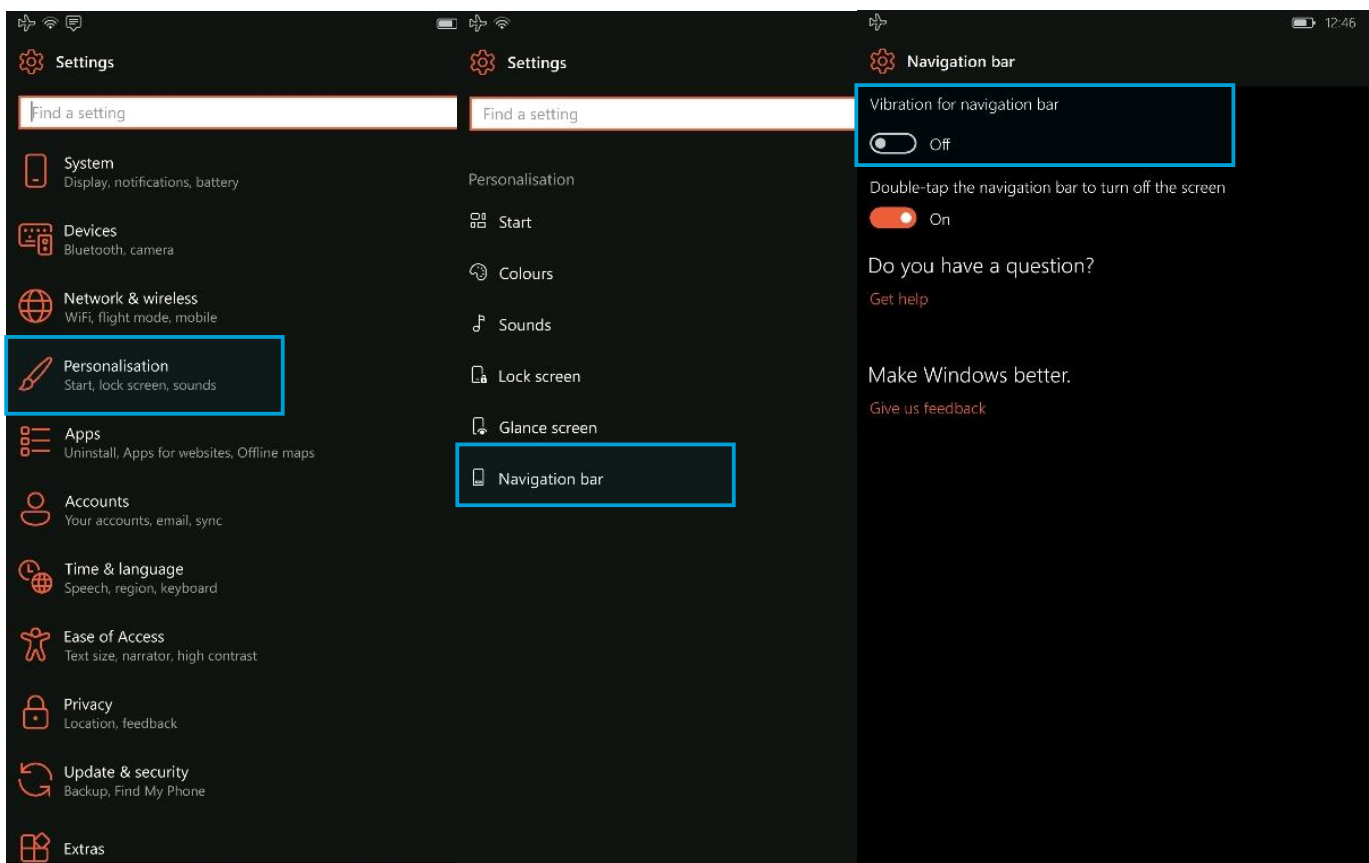
5. Enable/Disable Haptic feedback for Navigation bar

You can set the device to vibrate when any of the buttons (Back, Windows, Seach) are pressed.

By Default, this is turned **ON**.

> Now go to "**Settings → Personalization → Navigation bar**"

> Turn ON/OFF "**Vibration for navigation bar**" toggle.

Then it will prompt to restart, choose "**Restart now**"

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